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STATE FOR EA/EP-GEBER

1. ON RECEIPT REF A CONGEN INFORMED GOVERNOR, OKINAWAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND LOCAL PRESS THAT USG AND US AIRLINE
INDUSTRY HAVE NO INTENTION OF CUTTING BACK OR
TERMINATING SERVICE TO NAHA AND THAT RECENT PANAM SUSPENSION

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OF SERVICE IS DOMESTIC COURT CASE MATTER WHICH HAS NOT
RELATIONSHIP TO US-JAPAN CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS. LOACL PRESS
PROMINENTLY CARRIED CONGEN STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

2. CONGEN ALSO PROVIDED TO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN
OKINAWA CONTENTS REF A AND REF B RESPONSE TO CHAMBER'S
MESSAGE EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER PANAM SUSPENSION OF SERVICE.

3. AMERICAN CHAMBER CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER FUTURE
OF US AIR CARRIER SERVICE TO NAHA AND HAS PROVIDED CONGEN
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FOLLOWING TEXT OF POSITION PAPER CHAMBER PLANS TO PRESENT AT

APCAC ANNUAL MEETING IN JAKARTA OCT 15-18. QUOTE. POSITION PAPER. CONTINUATION OF US AIR CARRIER SERVICE TO NAHA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

1. THE CURRENT INDICATED POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IS THAT INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC TO NAHA IS NOT NECESSARY. FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO OKINAWA BY AIR WOULD BE GAINED THROUGH MAINLAND JAPAN PORTS OF ENTRY CONNECTING WITH NAHA BY DOMESTIC CARRIERS.
2. CONTAINED AMONG THE MANY NOTES, LETTERS AND MEMORANDA ATTACHED TO AND PART OF THE OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT OF JUNE 17, 1971 WAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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OF THE SAME DATE PROVIDING FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS AT NAHA (INTERNATIONAL (PROVISIONAL) AIRPORT) FOLLOWING THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD ENDING 14 MAY 1977. THE MEMORANDUM PROVIDES THAT "....BOTH GOVERNMENTS WILL CONSULT PRIOR TO THE END OF THIS FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO DETERMINE ANY NECESSARY MODIFICATION OF THE SCHEDULE ATTACHED TO THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, THROUGH THE GRANTING OF SUCH ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AS ARE WARRANTED BY THE OVERALL BALANCE OF BENEFITS AT THE END OF THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD INCLUDING THE VALUE OF THE UNITED STATES TRAFFIC RIGHTS AT NAHA."

3. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE WORDS IN THE MEMORANDUM THAT NO CURTAILMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC WAS ENVISIONED NOR INTENDED. THE MEMORANDUM WAS MERELY AN INTERIM VEHICLE TO PROVIDE AN UNINTERRUPTED FLOW OF COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC TO OKINAWA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE STATUS OF JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIER COULD BE PROPERLY EVALUATED.
4. TERMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE TO OKINAWA WOULD HAVE A HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON TRADE, COMMERCE,

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AND TOURISM EFFECTING THE US, JAPAN AND OTHER NATIONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITION TO PENALIZING THOUSANDS OF US CITIZENS LOCATED ON OKINAWA WHO LOOK TO US CARRIERS. THEIR ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO PAY UNNECESSARY PREMIUMS TO DOMESTIC JAPANESE CARRIERS TO REACH THE US AND OTHER ASIAN POINTS.

5. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE US POSITION IN THE CURRENT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN SHOULD BE TO EFFECT A CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH NO LOSS OF RIGHTS

TO PRESENT US AIR CARRIERS. UNQUOTE.
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